Handing over of Railway Catering to Private Entrepreneurs

3969. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to hand over the catering at major junctions such as Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta and also in important trains such as Rajdhani, to private entrepreneurs in view of heavy losses;

(b) if not, the reasons therefore and the details of losses suffered during the last three years on account of catering at major junctions and on important trains; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to bring down the losses in catering at major junctions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, Railways have initiated process of handing over to private licencees certain departmentally managed catering units in a selective manner. Besides, concerted measures are concurrently being mounted by Railways to improve financial performance of departmental units including by way of closer supervision, improved control of raw materials and by tariff management etc.

Restoration of Green Line Bus Services

3970. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DTC has withdrawn Green Line Express Services from its certain routes in Delhi/New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether DTC authorities have received any representations from some Associations/individuals with regard to the restoration of the above G.L. Express services on different routes; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the routes on which Government propose to restore the G.L. Express services and by when the services are likely to be restored particularly in trans-Yamuna area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Green Line Services were introduced by DTC on an experimental basis. Some of the routes which were not sufficiently patronised by commuters were discontinued. The details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Statement

Restoration of Green Line Bus Services.

S. No.	Route No.	Origin	Destination
1.	GL 98	Rampura (CC)	Railway Station
2.	GL 85	Inderpuri JJC	Nizamuddin Station
3.	GL 17	Ashok Vihar Ph. II	C.G.O. Complex
4.	GL 13	Sant Nagar	Kendriya Terminal